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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

APPLICANTS: Hofmann et al CONFIRMATION NO.: 6250
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SIR:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application.

AA United States Patent No. 5,222,483
AB United States Patent No. 4,928,672

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The respective Japanese counterparts to References AA and AB were cited by the Japanese Patent Office in connection with the counterpart Japanese application.

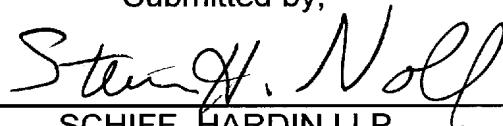
Form 1449 is submitted herewith, on which both references are listed.

As of the date of transmittal of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

Early consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to Account No. 501519.

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